

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS OF NOVEMBER 5TH, 1931.

The Board of Public Works met at the offices of the Board, Union Trust Building, Baltimore, on Thursday, November 5th, 1931.

Present:

Albert C. Ritchie, Governor.
Wm. S. Gordy, Jr., Comptroller.
John M. Dennis, Treasurer.

On Motion duly seconded, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

"General Construction Loan of 1931"

BE IT ORDERED, That in accordance with the Acts of 1931, Chapter 253, the Governor, Comptroller of the Treasury, and the Treasurer of the State be and they are hereby authorized and directed to advertise twice a week for four successive weeks in the Baltimore Sun and the Baltimore News, the first insertion to bear date of January 11th, 1932, and the last insertion to bear date of February 5th, 1932, that the Treasurer will receive in the office of the Treasurer at Annapolis, Maryland, at any time up to 12 o'clock noon, on the 10th day of February, 1932, bids for bonds of the State of Maryland in the aggregate sum of \$1,997,000 to be raised under the provisions of said Act; said bids to be contained in sealed envelopes appropriately endorsed, and each bid to be accompanied by a certified check upon some responsible banking institution, drawn to the order of the Treasurer of Maryland, for five per centum of the par value of the amount bid for. All bids will be opened at 12 o'clock noon on the 10th day of February, 1932.

Said bonds shall be dated the 15th day of February, 1932, and they shall bear interest at the rate of four and one-quarter per centum per annum, payable semi-annually on the 15th days of August and February, respectively, during the continuance of said loan. Said bonds shall be of the denomination of \$1,000. each, all shall be subject to registration as to principal, and all shall be issued with interest coupons attached and shall be deliverable on the 15th day of February, 1932. The said bonds shall be issued upon the Serial Annuity Plan, as provided in said Act.

The right shall be reserved to accept one bid for all of said loan, or separate bids for parts of said loan, as may produce the highest amount; and the right shall also be reserved to accept bids which are for parts of said loan, but which may not be for all, and to reject all bids or any bids. If two or more responsible bidders shall make the same bid and each bid shall be the highest, and the certificates so bid for by such highest responsible bidders shall be in excess of the whole amount of certificates as offered for sale, then such certificates of indebtedness may be awarded in a ratable proportion to such responsible bidders bidding the same price.

The Governor, Comptroller and the Treasurer shall cause to be prepared bonds in good and sufficient form for the amount of said loan.

On Motion duly seconded, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT ORDERED, That in accordance with the Acts of 1931, Chapter 511, the Governor, Comptroller of the Treasury, and the Treasurer of the State be and they are hereby authorized and directed to advertise twice a week for four successive weeks in the Baltimore Sun and the Baltimore News, the first insertion to bear date of January 11th, 1932, and the last insertion to bear date of February 5th, 1932, that the Treasurer will receive in the office of the Treasurer at Annapolis, Maryland, at any time up to 12 o'clock noon, on the 10th day of February, 1932, bids for bonds of the State of Maryland in the aggregate sum of \$125,000.00 to be issued under the provisions of said Act; said bids to be contained in sealed envelopes appropriately endorsed, and each bid to be accompanied by a certified check upon some responsible banking institution, drawn to the order of the Treasurer of Maryland, for five per centum of the par value, of the amount bid for. All bids will be opened at 12 o'clock noon on the 10th day of February, 1932.

*"Ocean City
Inlet Loan
of 1931"*

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The following letter from Mr. S. M. Shoemaker, Chairman of the Board of Regents of the University of Maryland, was read and considered:

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND

Office of the Board of Regents

816 Fidelity Building,
Baltimore, Md.

October 30, 1931

Mr. J. O. McCusker, Secretary,
Board of Public Works,
Annapolis, Maryland.

Dear Mr. McCusker:

Mr. J. Leo Parr has suggested the propriety of my writing you about the transfer of funds in the Baltimore Schools of the University in order to adjust deficits appearing on several of these accounts.

Number 1- Transferring from the Building Fund of the Pharmacy and Dental Building, which he has listed as Laboratory and Lecture Room Building, to the Purchase of Property fund to adjust the deficit in the latter. Since this property was purchased for and is now being occupied by these buildings it seems this charge should have been made direct to that fund. This amount to be transferred is \$5,458.92.

Number 2- To adjust long carried deficit in the Addition to the Nurses' Home Building. It seems \$9,000. was transferred from the Hospital Equipment Fund some years ago, and it is now desired to transfer \$9,190.71 from this same fund. From the School of Medicine Equipment Fund \$1,800. It seems this deficit was originally created through the failure to realize the funds pledged by the public for the erection of this Building.

Number 3- This covers a transfer of \$5,000. from the School of Medicine Equipment Fund to the School of Law for special equipment with which to furnish the new building. The School of Medicine had long used the old Law School Building for many of its classes and expecting the even greater use of the old Law Building the School of Medicine thought it only showing the proper spirit of co-operation to allow the School of Law a very full price for the old equipment in that building

If a formal request for the transfer of these funds should be made for submitting to the Governor or the Board of Public Works please let me know and I will, of course, see that this is done.

Your attention will add another to the many courtesies you have shown this Board.

Yours sincerely,

/s/ S. M. Shoemaker

S. M. Shoemaker
Chairman.

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Upon motion duly seconded, the Board approved the adjustments listed in Mr. Shoemaker's letter.

The Following letter from Mr. Edmund R. Stewart, State Auditor, was read and considered:

STATE AUDITOR

November 1, 1931.

Mr. J.O. McCusker, Chief Deputy,
State Comptroller's Office,
Annapolis, Maryland.

Dear Mr. McCusker:

I am enclosing herewith copy of letter received from Mr. Leo J. Parr, Auditor of the University of Maryland, with reference to certain bad checks in the amount of \$678.83 upon which the Board of Public Works desired further information before taking formal action authorizing them to be charged off.

I may say that several years ago these checks were carefully considered by the staff of this office in making an examination of the accounts of the Baltimore Schools of the University and the conclusion that they should be charged off was reached, since there was no possible means by which collections can now be made. This is largely due to the fact that no efforts were made to enforce settlement at the time the checks were returned unpaid.

Under the circumstances as set forth, I recommend that the Board of Public Works grant authority to charge these items off the books of the Baltimore Schools of the University of Maryland.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Edmund R. Stewart.

State Auditor.

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On motion duly seconded the Board authorized the writing off of the bad checks mentioned in the State Auditor's letter.

The following letter from Mr. F. W. Besley, State Forester, was read and considered:

STATE DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY.

October 28th, 1931.

Mr. J.O. McCusker, Secretary,
Board of Public Works,
Union Trust Building,
Baltimore, Maryland.

My dear Mr. McCusker:

Authority is requested from the Board of Public Works for the purchase of Military Lot #404, containing 43 acres, for the sum of \$50.00. This Lot belongs to Mrs. Elizabeth Hubbard, and lies between two sections of the Potomac State Forest, and is therefore very desirable as a connecting link.

Purchase has been approved by the Board of Regents, University of Maryland, and the title approved by the Attorney-General. I consider this a very advantageous tract of land to acquire, as it occupies a strategic position with reference to our State Forest holdings and is well suited for forestry purposes.

Very truly yours,

/s/ F.W. Besley.
State Forester.

FWB.r

Upon motion duly seconded the Board granted the necessary authority to the State Department of Forestry to purchase the land outlined in the State Forester's letter.

The Board discussed the question of a site and the selection of an Architect for the new building to be known as the Memorial Hall of Records in Annapolis. The Board was of the opinion that the thing to do was to select the site offered by St. Johns College, but that the formality of doing this would be taken care of later. The question of selecting an Architect was also considered, and it was decided to make some inquiry to ascertain the names of some Architects who would be especially qualified to prepare plans and specifications for the type of building to be erected. The Governor stated he would consult with the American Institute of Architects, and request them, if they would do so, to submit the names of some Architects they would recommend for the work. It was understood that other Architects would be allowed to submit their names, and present to the Board information as to the work heretofore done by them.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.


Secretary.